

REMARKS

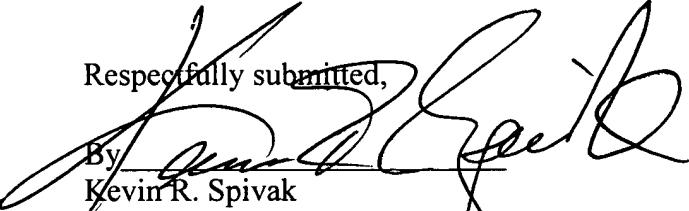
Claims 1, 2, 6 and 18 have been amended, and new claims 25-28 added. Claims 25 and 27 include original claims 1 and 2, respectively, with the addition of a new limitation. The new limitations have support on page 49, line 12 - page 50, line 11 in the specification. No new matter has been added.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 325772024100.

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